

## **PROCLAMATION**

## LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH May 2018

WHEREAS Lyme disease is a serious illness caused by the bite of a black-legged tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*: and

WHEREAS black-legged ticks carrying a variety of diseases or illnesses can now be found in all parts of Nova Scotia: and

WHEREAS awareness, education and practicing preventative measures, such as daily tick checks and proper tick removal, can help reduce your chances of contracting tick borne diseases:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council, do hereby proclaim, May 2018 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" and I would like to remind residents to take the appropriate precautions to prevent Lyme disease by protecting yourself from ticks; checking yourself, your children and pets for ticks; removing ticks properly as soon as they are found; and by recording the date and location of the tick bite and watching for symptoms.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018



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Mike Savage Mayor